



## **Mountmellick Parish Newsletter**

**2nd Sunday of Easter**  
**Sunday April 7th, 2024**

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**MY LORD and MY GOD:** Jesus spoke to Thomas, “Put your fingers here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe”. ‘Seeing is believing’ or so the saying goes. Perhaps many of us can sympathise with Thomas' struggle to trust what he hasn't seen and his desire for proof. There may be moments in our lives when we feel uncertain or doubtful about the plans God has for us, especially when things don't go as we might wish. In such times, we can learn from Thomas' story and try to maintain faith that God knows what's best for us, even when it's hard to understand. Thomas found it hard to believe the other disciples. He didn't take the time to listen to them. In our busy lives, it can sometimes be hard to listen to others, especially to the most vulnerable people in the world. We can find it hard to take the time to truly understand those who live in situations of poverty or wars and famine, especially when that reality seems so distant to us. Thomas recognised Jesus through the wounds on his hands and side. Perhaps we too can see Jesus in our wounded brothers and sisters if we look a little closer. So, let's take a moment to reflect and ask ourselves if we will doubt our faith or put it into action. Dear Lord, please help us to maintain unwavering faith in the plans you have for our lives and always strive to follow your teachings. Amen.

*(CAFOD APRIL 2024)*

### **April 8<sup>th</sup> THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD**

The Solemnity of the Annunciation is transferred from March 25<sup>th</sup> to April 8<sup>th</sup> this year. The feastday celebrates the coming of the Angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary to announce to her the special mission God had chosen for her in being the mother of God's only son. **“I am the Lord's servant,” said Mary, “may it happen to me as you have said”.** *Lk 1:38.*

### **The Divine Mercy Devotion**

In the Jubilee Year 2000, Pope John Paul II proclaimed that from that year forward the Second Sunday of Easter would be celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday. This was proclaimed at the Canonization Mass of St. Faustina Kowalska, who worked throughout her life to make all aware of the merciful love of God. St. Faustina (1905–1938) was born and raised in Poland. Following a vocation to religious life, she was accepted by the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy. As a member of the Congregation, she worked as a cook, gardener, and porter. In her spiritual life, her contemplation on the Mercy of God led her to develop a childlike trust in God and deep love for her neighbour. In her years in the convent, St. Faustina heard a call from God to make God's mercy known to the world so that the world may more fully receive God's healing grace. St. Faustina promoted the Chaplet of Divine Mercy which consists of the recitation of prayers to the Eternal Father with the use of the rosary for the sake of Christ's sorrowful passion.

**Mass and Devotions in honour of ‘Divine Mercy Sunday’ from 2.45pm this Sunday (April 7th), in St. Joseph's Church. The relic of St. Faustina will be available at this mass only for veneration. All welcome.**

**REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES**

**1st Anniversary Masses:** Kathleen Cassidy, Upper Forest, mass on Thursday April 11th at 7.30pm.

**For the following whose anniversaries are remembered this weekend and for whom Mass will be offered:**

Jim Drumm, Emmet St., Mai O’Toole, Davin Park, Brigid & Francis Gorman, Borness, Judy Wall, Derryguile, Paddy Hennessy, Lord Edward St., Ellen, Joseph & Charlie Conroy, Chapel St., Eileen McGarvey, Kitty Breen, O’Moore St., Margaret Young, Tullamore & Clonaghadoo, Jack, Molly & Sean Young, Clonaghadoo, Ronnie O’Rourke, Hill 60, Kevin Hibbitts, Harbour St., Avril & Micheal Jnr Lawlor, Pattisons Estate, Domonic Dowling, Derrycloney, Michael Lee, The Rock, William O’Shaughnessy, Daniel Culleton, Hill 60, Lily & Dan Campion, Pearce St.

**For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/Sunday April 13th & 14th:** Maureen & Tom Davis, St. Joseph’s Tce., Kathleen Fitzpatrick, Garrymore,

**MOUNTMELICK PARISH**

**Collections - Collections**

Saturday/Sunday March 30th & 31st

Envelopes: €1,410

Baskets: €1,055

**THANK YOU THANK YOU**

**DONATE ONLINE**

You can make your donation to support the parish via the ‘Donate’ button on our Parish Website, [www.mountmellickparish.ie](http://www.mountmellickparish.ie)

**CHEQUES CHEQUES**

Please make all cheques for the parish payable to “Mountmellick Parish No 1 Account”.

**“Giving Sunday”** Make a once off special donation to our Parish Debt Campaign -via the Donate button on our website, by cheque or in the special ‘Giving Sunday’ envelopes that are available. Thank you.

**Ministers of the Word**

**Saturday/Sunday April 13th & 14th**

**7.30pm:** Michael Feely

**11.00am:** Vincent McEvoy

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

**Saturday/Sunday April 13th & 14th**

**7.30pm:** Sebastian Kopijka & Bernadette O’Toole

**11.00am:** Noreen Savage & Bernie Reddin

**CINEMA NIGHT**

in aid of **Radio Maria** in the Balcony Cinema, Mountmellick on Tuesday April 16th at 8.15pm showing the classic film *The Song of Bernadette*, Donation €10. Booking only with Antoinette at 086 0803047 between 9.15am - 1.30pm and 7pm to 9pm.

**Kildare & Leighlin SAFEGUARDING**

**Designated Liaison Person &**

**Director of Safeguarding - Ailish Higgins.**

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**MOUNTMELICK PARISH LOTTO**

Wednesday April 3rd.

Jackpot Numbers: 4:9:12:27:

No Jackpot winner:

33 Matched ‘3’ - €31 each.

Next weeks Jackpot is: €13,000

**Winner**

Claire & Ricky

Mary & Loretta

Jo, Seamus, David & John

Moyra Scott

**Promoter**

Judy Furlong

Anne Weston

McElwee’s

C. Lindley

**LOURDES 2024 PILGRIMAGE**

Mountmellick, Ballyfin, Mountrath.

30th July, 2024 for 7 nights. €995 (plus travel insurance) per person sharing. **Deposits are now required.**

For information, bookings and details. Eleanor @ 087 7670915.

**MOUNTMELICK MOUNTRATH BALLYFIN**

**2024 Lourdes Pilgrimage**

**Raffle Results March 31st 2024**

1st - Deirdre Carroll. 2nd - Turlough O’Brien.

3rd - Carmel Flanagan. 4th - Marguerite Ging

5th - Anne Reddin. 6th - Ger Hartnett.

Prizes can be collected in the Parish Office.

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**GROW**

Want to know more about Grow mental health, and our free over 18’s support meetings? Join us for an information day.

When: Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April at 2.00pm.

Where : MDA Centre. Contact: Michelle 086 4183805.

Refreshments will be provided.

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**THE BALCONY CINEMA**

Will show **“One Life”** on Wednesday April 10th at 8.00pm.

Adm: €5, includes a cuppa.

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**WOMEN’S SHED**

Information evening of Tuesday April 9th at 7pm in the MDA, Irishtown, Mountmellick.

Laois Partnership & Mountmellick Youth & Family Resource Centre.

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**MOUNTMELICK GAA - LOTTO**

Jackpot No’s: 4:8:15:27:: - No Jackpot Winner

€50 winner: Tom Lantry.

€25 x 2 winners - Jerry Delea, T. Mullen.

N/W Jackpot Pot: €3,800.